

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/665,118

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

HANAZATO, EIICHI

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the response filed on 12/07/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4 and 9-10, renumbered as claims 1-6.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.


THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 11/7/03 & 2/24/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 2/24/04
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


GABRIEL GARCIA
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Part III STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. This office action is in response to the response to the restriction requirement filed on 12/7/07. Applicant(s) elected without traverse claims 1-4 and 9-10. Claims 5-8 have been canceled (see Examiner's amendment). 1-4 and 9-10 are being allowed over the prior art of record. Prosecution on the merits is closed in this application.

2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Schmid (6,708,612) teaches a modular printing machine system for printing on sheets.

Hidding (5,680,742) teaches a method and apparatus for preparing postal items.

Sable (3,763,67) teaches a machine for preparing documents having two printers.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record fails to teach, or suggest the claimed limitations of (in combination with all other features in the claims), a printing device or printing method comprising a first printer and a second printer comprising a reading sensor, the printing device comprising an information holding part which previously holds information on a relationship between a size of the printing medium and a position of the mark; and a mark position setting part which movably sets the mark position based on the information held in the information holding part in accordance with the size of the printing medium, as recited by the independent claims. Any comments considered

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necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee, and to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the Issue Fee. such submissions should be clearly labeled "comments on statement of Reasons for Allowance".

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gabriel I. Garcia whose telephone number is (571) 272-7434. The Examiner can normally be reached Monday-Thursday from 7:30 AM-6:00 PM. The fax phone number for this group is 571-273-8300.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

**GABRIEL GARCIA
PRIMARY EXAMINER**



**Gabriel I. Garcia
Primary Examiner
March 3, 2007**

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Part III EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears bellow. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to Applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R § 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Robert Jackson (46,796) on February 27, 2007.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Delete claims 5-8.

SPECIFICATION

Amend the title as follow: "PRINTING DEVICE, PRINTING METHOD AND COMPUTER READABLE STORAGE MEDIUM FOR PRINTING USING MULTIPLE PRINTERS".

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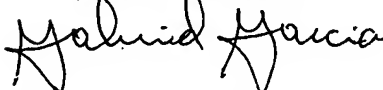
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gabriel Garcia', written over the printed name and title.

Gabriel I. Garcia
Primary Examiner
March 3, 2007